

Patriot Graves and Biographies Report

Tooltips provide important instructions – please read them carefully

Patriot Information

Name: James Harlan		Patriot Number: 175192
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth: (City/County)	State/Nation:
Date of Death:	Place of Death: (City/County)	State/Nation:

Spouse Information

1st Spouse Name:	1st Spouse Pension Number:
2nd Spouse Name:	2nd Spouse Pension Number:
3rd Spouse Name:	3rd Spouse Pension Number:

Children Information

First names only

Service Information

Qualifying Service:	State of Service:

DAR Ancestor Number:

Service Details:

Pension Number:

Burial Information

Cemetery Name: Harlan-James Cemetery (C-0230038)			Cemetery Address:
Cemetery City:	County:	State:	Zip Code:

NOTE: these GPS coordinates are for the Patriot's grave, not those for the Cemetery, as found on Find-a-Grave Cemeteries

GPS Latitude: 37.67079338888889	GPS Longitude: -84.87072477777778

Comments on Gravesite/Cemetery Notes:

Marker & Tombstone

Is there a tombstone / headstone at the site: (•) YES ( ) NO

If there is, it a Revolutionary War Service Marker and please indicate the type:
[✔] SAR [ ] DAR [ ] VA [ ] Unknown [ ] Other _____ [ ] None

Find A Grave Memorial ID:

Find A Grave Cemetery ID:

Directions to grave site:

There is an original tablet stone marker in poor condition, a new stone similar to a VA marker with the inscription from the tablet stone redone for easy reading. There is also a family memorial obelisk at the same site.

Are you attaching or sending a picture of the tombstone / headstone? (•) YES ( ) NO

Date of Grave Marking: 16 May 2026

Source of Service Reference

Pension Number:

Documents:

Submitter's Information

Submitter's Name:		National Number (If SAR Member):
James Will McGinnis, Jr.		224231
Submitter's Address: 202 Curry Ave		
City: Harrodsburg	State: KY	Zip Code: 40330
Email Address: will@willsplace.net		Submission Date: 8 September 2026

Patriot Biography

Submit a Biography

Biographies may be submitted electronically using Microsoft Word or a text format.

1. E-Mail to: PatriotGraves@SAR.org If unable to use e-mail then send to:
2. USPS Patriot Graves & Biographies Report-Patriot Records Committee
   National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
   809 West Main Street
   Louisville, KY 40202 – 2619

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Patriot Biography Guidance

DOs:

- Discuss the qualifying service (military, patriotic, civil) of the patriot ancestor, and where the service was rendered, whether this was a specific state or Continental service
  - (Military Service) Private, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Militia.
  - (Patriotic Service) Paid 1783 Supply Tax, Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.
  - (Civil Service) Member of the Committee of Correspondence, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.
- Use your "formal voice." As an author of a patriot biography, you are writing not just to document the patriot's service and circumstances of his or her life and family for today, but also for the generations to come and for the benefit of our descendants, future SAR and DAR members and genealogical and historical researchers.
- Conform to the rules of spelling, grammar and syntax and be free of typographical errors.
- Spell out Find-a-Grave as either "findagrave.com," or "Find-a-Grave."
- Add sources--While source citations are not required, they are preferred, as this assists future researchers. If using source citations, please cite sources correctly and fully. Always cite all data available, example: Book, Volume, Page, etc.
- Be consistent with dates. Dates may be formatted as either January 3, 1943 or 03 January 1943. Mixing the two date formats in the same biography should be avoided.
- Write about the patriot ancestor, the Revolutionary War service, and immediate family and relevant life events.
- Base a patriot's service on a primary source, such as a pension record, tax document, correct SAR or DAR Record Copy, documents from state archives, etc., such as would be used if attempting to prove descent from this ancestor.

DON'T:

- Copy an entire biography or parts thereof verbatim from a published or unpublished source without a citation as to where it comes from. Failure to do so is PLAGARISM!
- Base a patriot's service solely on what is found inscribed on a plaque or historical marker.
- Imbed images of another text in the body of the biography that is intended to be part of the written biography as this requires our volunteers to take extra time to type the image of the pasted text into the existing body of the biography.
- Abbreviate-Avoid the use of all abbreviations - names of states, military or other service ranks, use of the ampersand, etc.

COMMON ISSUES:

- Please spell out the names of numbers zero through ten; use numerals for numbers 11 and above.
- When using quotation marks with a comma: "incorrect usage", versus "correct usage," This is also true of the period, question mark, exclamation point, colon, semi-colon, etc.
- In the era of social media, it is common to use only one space between sentences because social media posts have a character limit. All sentences should have two spaces between them.
- Always use complete sentences that have a subject, verb or adverb and object. Sentences should not begin with a verb. Example: "Served in Spotsylvania Co. 3rd VA Bttn" is more clearly written "He served in the Spotsylvania Company of the 3rd Virginia Battalion."

BIOGRAPHY EXAMPLE:

Zachariah Williams, P-321211, by Thomas A. Whitefield, Sr.

Zachariah Williams was born at Wales, 23 February 1760. He served as a Private in Captain Henry Dorroch's Company of the Associators and Militia at Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He also paid the 1780 Supply Tax at New Britain Township, Bucks County (thereby providing funds to the war effort). He married Elizabeth Schwartzlander (1753-1836) 23 March 1780 at Milford Township, Bucks County. Their known children are Margaret (1781-1856), Eleanor (1782-1854), Amos (1784-1853), Rhoda (1787-?), Edward (1789-1851), Elizabeth (1791-?), Hannah (1793-1830) and Mary (1796-1839). He appears in the tax records of New Britain Township in 1782 and 1783. He was enumerated in the 1790 U.S Census at Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. In the 1800 U.S. Census he appears at Milford Township, Mifflin County, and in 1810 at Derry Township, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. He died 29 May 1832 at Dry Valley, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. His final resting place is not known.

There is an anecdote told by William Nickles, a grandson of Zachariah Williams, as printed in the newspaper Ringgold Record, of Mt. Ayr, Iowa, dated Thursday, 11 November 1880, page 1:

His [William Nickles'] maternal grandfather, Zachariah Williams, served through the Revolutionary war with Washington and lived till 1830 [sic]. He used to relate how, when he and some of his comrades were stealing green corn in New York, when orders had been issued that no foraging should be done, Washington came on to them just as they were leaving the field with their arms full. The Commander looked them well over said quietly, "Don't steal too much of the poor fellow's corn, my boys," and then rode on.

Service Source: Published Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Volume 5, Page 380. Tax and Exoneration Lists RG-4 1780 Supply Tax.